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SIR,

I WAS agreeably entertained with the *Letter* concerning LYSETTA in your 268th *Journal*; which occaſioned the few plain thoughts and reflections which I now ſend you. Whether there be ſuch a perſon as LYSETTA, of whom all the particulars there related are true; and whether the diſtreſs the writer repreſents himſelf brought into, occaſioned by her, or perſons of the like character, be real or fictitious, I know not, nor is it very material. But I am ſure, the incidents are very natural, and ſuch as, I believe, in many points, frequently have and do occur; eſpecially that of drawing unexperienced young ladies into indecent and dangerous liberties. And therefore I think it a general ſervice, to expoſe to the public ſcorn perſons of ſo infamous a character, and ſet them up as a mark for young ladies of virtue to beware of; that they may not by a confident, but empty pretence to wit and humour, be laughed out of their modeſty, and other good qualities, which give them all, or their principal value. We have, it ſeems, now Female rakes, libertines, and infidels, who would paſs upon their ſex, for the only women of ſpirit and politeneſs; and repreſent all others of a more ſober and reſerved ſtamp, as poor low-ſpirited creatures, fit only for the affairs of the confectionary, nurſery, or for other mean cares, as they account them, of a family. But I hope the ſpirit of good ſenſe and virtue, for which the Engliſh ladies have been famous, will excite the valuable part of them, to unite againſt theſe profligates, who diſhonour their ſex; and to endeavour to make them aſhamed to ſhew their heads, or at leaſt leſs bare faced in their libertiniſm. This would be a laudable aſſociation; tho', perhaps, whilſt the humour for maſquerading and gaming (thoſe powerful and open enemies to any worthy deſigns for the advantage of the fair) runs ſo high, it may not meet with the ſucceſs which it deſerves. However that may be, there is one advantage to be drawn from theſe Female libertines: that as moſt vices ſhew more ugly in women, than in men, as being ſo oppoſite to their natural modeſty; they may ſerve to ſhame the corrigible part of the men, from the like practices, when they obſerve the deformity of them, in its full proportion, as it appears in the other ſex, and the averſion created by them, in all perſons, whoſe judgment is of any weight.

What your correſpondent propoſes for the aim of every writer, is worthy of your, and all your fellow-labourers ſerious regard. The author who conveys inſtruction in a pleaſing manner, is certainly highly worthy of the public encouragement, and will not fail to meet with it: of which the great ſucceſs of ſome performances, not many years ſince, in every one's memory, is an inconteſtable proof. I wiſh that moſt of the pieces in the eſſay, or epiſtolary part of our weekly writers, were leſs upon politics, and more upon ſubjects of general concern in life; tending to correct and refine our taſte and manners, and ſuch as would bear a ſecond or third peruſal with profit and pleaſure. This would be laying out their pains in ſuch a manner, as would procure greater ſatisfaction in reflection to the writers, and benefit to their readers, than fomenting our diviſions, which of themſelves run high enough, and exaſperating one part of the nation againſt the other. I am not ſo rigid, as to exclude every thing that does not directly tend to make us wiſer and happier. No: it has its uſe, that the mind ſhould ſometimes be relaxed with what is merely diverting: and I am ſenſible, that it is proper ſome things ſhould be inſerted, whoſe chief, or only recommendation is novelty, or their becoming a general ſubject of diſcourſe; tho' I think the fewer of theſe the better. And I hope you will excuſe my liberty, Mr. BAVIUS, in telling you, that I have ſeveral times wondered, that a perſon of your underſtanding, who have the honour of being ſecretary to the illuſtrious ſociety of Grub-ſtreet, ſhould inſert a long ſeries of criticiſms upon the public buildings; which at leaſt three parts in four of your readers, neither taſte, nor underſtand. Be it ſo, that they are excellent in their kind, of which I am no judge, yet, I think, with deference, it would be more proper they ſhould be printed by themſelves; that thoſe only who have a reliſh and underſtanding of architecture, might peruſe them.

The following thoughts of the great force in virtue to create love, and of the cauſe of the unhappineſs ſo frequently obſerved in the married ſtate, were occaſioned by LYSETTA's marriage with the baronet.

It is a ſaying of a wiſe ancient, that if virtue was to appear in a viſible form, it would raiſe incredible love in the beholders. The proper meaning is, that virtue repreſented in all its lineaments and true proportions to the underſtanding in one view, is as well adapted to raiſe love and admiration in the higher faculties, as the moſt complete and regular beauty, is to excite deſire in the ſenſual and lower. The moſt ſimple, natural, and full repreſentation of virtue to be met with, is in the *New Teſtament*; but it lies ſcattered in the ſeveral parts of it. Were theſe contracted, and drawn together to the greateſt advantage, by a maſterly hand, ſo as to form one well proportioned image or picture; a perſon muſt be ſtrangely indiſpoſed, and have a very perverted taſte, that was not mightily enamoured of it.

To paſs from notions to perſons, I ſhall ſhew the force of virtue to create love, by the example of CELIA; whom I would recommend as a pattern to the ladies. 'Had I (was the agreeable and wealthy CELIA heard to ſay) 'been the compleateſt beauty, and poſſeſſed of 100,000 l. 'fortune, ARISTUS ſhould have been the man I would 'have choſen (ſpeaking of a perſon, eminent for his abilities, and the ſucceſsful application of them in the nobleſt, and worthieſt deſigns, and of ſtrict virtue) 'and I ſhould 'have thought them well beſtowed, and that I had made 'a very prudent choice, tho' he had no eſtate; and tho' 'his outward form has nothing extraordinary in it; ſuch 'charms have his mind and qualities for me'. The gentleman was diſpoſed of, and fallen to the lot of another; and I doubt not, met with greater returns of affection, from his partner, who is a perſon of a good underſtanding and diſpoſition, than the handſomeſt and beſt dreſt man of a different ſtamp, ever did from his conſort in her prime. An affection indeed of a different kind, the regular, conſtant, but moſt delightful tendency of the mind towards him, reſembling the paſſion which MILTON repreſents EVE *to have for* ADAM before the fall; and as far ſuperior to any grateful motion excited in the ſenſes, as reaſon is to ſenſe.

I would not depreciate outward beauty, or deprive it of its due value: it is worthy of our love and cheriſhing; but it ſtands in need of auxiliaries to maintain them. Beauty and good breeding, when they are only ſecondary qualities, and ſerve to ſet off virtue, render the perſon ſo accompliſhed completely amiable. But there is this weighty difference betwixt virtue and beauty, to the advantage of the former, that it has often ſupplied the place of the latter, where the perſon has not been very diſguſting, in keeping the conjugal flame alive and clear to the laſt. But, I think, I may venture to affirm, that beauty, devoid of virtue and diſcretion, never maintained a laſting empire over a man of ſenſe and juſt taſte.

And hence we have the reaſon, why moſt of the matches of the great, are ſuch as LYSETTA's; at beſt flat and inſipid ſocieties, and frequently tireſome and nauſeating to both parties: becauſe ſo few gentlemen endeavour to form themſelves to virtue, and ſo few ladies into a right taſte of what is worthy of their affection, and only can preſerve it; but are carried away with appearances, and the general cuſtom of a vain and vicious age.

I am your humble ſervant,

and conſtant reader,

PHILARETES.

Sarum, Feb. 24, 1734-5.

Mr. BAVIUS,

I FIND a late order of the honourable Houſe of Commons, relating to the reſtraining of the number of Play-houſes, and the better regulating of common players of interludes, has given a terrible panic to ſome of thoſe ingenious gentlemen; and to my knowledge, quaſhed a very hopeful ſcheme for the preſent, framed by certain ſertile heads, and deſigned to have been played off at a proper ſeaſon, by way of obliging the Town with another Theatrical Revolution, built on the ſame democratical principles with the former, but I aſſure you, on a much more ſolid and laſting foundation.

For my part, Mr. BAVIUS, as a friend to the liberty of the ſubject, I can not ſay, but I ſhould really be ſorry that any reſtraint, either on Theatres, or performers, ſhould paſs into a law. I will not preſume to arraign the wiſdom of parliament, in taking cognizance of matters of ſuch little moment as the great increaſe —— not of Popery — but of Play-houſes and Players: yet I cannot forbear obſerving, that if ſuch a regulation ſhould take place, it would be ſhutting up a gate that opens ſo large a field of encouragement to architects, builders, and maſons, as well as to diſſatisfied apprentices, lawyers clerks, and broken tradeſmen; and thereby not only cutting the latter entirely off from the laudable ambition of one day becoming managers, but likewiſe forcing them to purſue their reſpective vocations, when perhaps neither trade, nor the ſtudy of the law, was any ways ſuited to their capacities. Nay, I proteſt, ſo zealous am I in the cauſe of liberty, and conſequently ſo far from approving the intended reformation, that I ſhould rejoyce at nothing ſo much as to ſee a theatrical Heptarchy erected in this metropolis, leaving the Italian Theatre, Great Rooms, and Sadler's-wells out of the queſtion. And I think I am juſtified in this wiſh by our own hiſtory; witneſs our old Saxon government. Why therefore we ſhould not have ſeven Play-houſes now in London, as well as ſeven kingdoms formerly in England, I can ſee no good and ſubſtantial reaſon.

So far, Mr. BAVIUS, you muſt allow, I have proved myſelf a true Briton, and that I ſtand greatly intitled to the eſteem and veneration of the preſent, as well as the future generation of actors. But however, as my way of reaſoning perhaps may not be able to ſilence the clamour againſt this multiplicity of Play-houſes; to ſhew you how little tenacious I am, and how deſirous at the ſame time to contribute toward the improvement of dramatic entertainment; I here ſend you a few general hints, which, I imagine, may in part anſwer the end, if the public advantage be the object of this regulation.

1. After fixing the number of Play-houſes, I would have the bill calculated, ſo as to prevent any future maſter from being impoſed on by the arrogance and inſatiate demands of any overweening actor or actors.

2. To prevent any actor, or actors of real merit, from being ill treated by the partiality of a maſter; and the lower claſs of actors from his cruelty in defrauding them of their ſalaries.

3. To fix the merit of actors to a certain ſtandard, and proportion their ſalaries accordingly; ſo that, when regularly payed, they ſhould be obliged to ſit down ſatisfied with them.

4. To make ſome proviſion for the intereſt of authors, that they may have their grievances redreſſed, and be no longer ſubject to the inſults and oppreſſions of maſters or players.

5. To take care that the Town be not impoſed on, either by unreaſonable exactions, by forcing the run of ill-reliſhed performances; or by rejecting plays of true merit, to give place to others ſupported only by influence.

Theſe are hints which at preſent occur; and as you receive them, you may expect to hear farther from,

your humble ſervant,

MODULUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Adverti ſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 20. His royal highneſs the prince, hearing of Mr. Ryan's misfortune, was pleaſed to ſend him 10 guineas. *LP.*

Cuthbert Wrightman, Eſq; is appointed captain-lieutenant in his majeſty's own regiment of horſe. *P.*

Laſt ſunday the rev. Mr. Noble was inducted into the rectory of Nettleſwell, to which he was lately preſented by the rev. Dr. Bedford. *C.* —— M^r brother *was as* lately *aſſured, that this* reverend doctor *was a* doctor of phyſic.

At the Aſſizes at Glouceſter two perſons received ſentence of death. *C.*

We have the pleaſure to contradict the article in yeſterday's paper [*DA.*] relating to the death of Matthew Martin, Eſq; that gentleman being in perfect health. It muſt give univerſal ſatisfaction to the publick, that the report prov'd groundleſs. *DA.* —— *This ingenious compliment muſt needs give ample* ſatisfaction *to* Mr. Martin, *for having been killed only by* the report of a blunderbuſs: *but what* ſatisfaction *can my brother* give the two candidates *he ſet up at* Colcheſter, *for diſappointing them, by bringing this gentleman to life again?*

This being the birth-day of her royal highneſs Mary-Anne-Victoria, princeſs of Braſil, who enters into her 18th year, as alſo of his royal highneſs Frederick, prince royal of Denmark, who enters into his 13th; the Spaniſh, Portugal, and Daniſh embaſſadors, will celebrate the ſame in a grand manner. *DP.*

Yeſterday a noted ſolicitor was committed to Newgate, for robbing a brother ſolicitor of a promiſſory note, value 10 l. *DP.* —— *What! dog eat dog!*

On tueſday, the perſon apprehended on ſuſpicion of being Gregory, was carried to Clerkenwell, where Wheeler, the evidence, declared, that he never ſaw him before, but Lawrence's ſervants being poſitive, he was ſent to Newgate. *P. DP.* —— He is half a head ſhorter than Gregory; has indeed a ſcar on his cheek, but its directly contrary-ways to that Gregory has. *LP. Mar.* 22.

Died, on monday, in Great Ruſſel-ſtreet, the lady Frere, relict of the late governor. —— On tueſday, at Walthamſtow, John White, Eſq; *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 21. Yeſterday Sam. Jacobs, Eſq; kiſſed his majeſty's hand, on being appointed Capt. lieutenant in Col. Clayton's regiment of foot. *P.*

We hear, that at the general Court held yeſterday at the South-ſea houſe, the ſub-governor acquainted them, that his majeſty's anſwer to their application for leave to diſpoſe of the trade was, That his majeſty conſidered it as a national affair, and the Court of Directors might receive propoſals, and communicate the ſame to him. *DP.* —— Several debates aroſe, and the Court adjourned to monday ſe'ennight. *C. DA.*

The ſame day at a general court of the Bank of England, a dividend of 2 3 qrs per cent. was declared for the half year ending at Lady-day next. *DP. DA. LP.*

Laſt monday a new commiſſion of the peace paſſed the ſeals for the counties of Eſſex and Surry. *C.*

We are well aſſured that a more effectual method will be taken to prevent the exportation of wool from Great Britain, and of wool and manufactur'd wool from Ireland to foreign parts. *DP.*

On wedneſday the right hon. the lord mayor held a court of conſervation on the river of Thames at Fulham. *C. DJ. DA.*

Yeſterday Rob. Gray, Eſq; was choſen treaſurer of Chriſt's hoſpital in the room of Ric. Cheek, Eſq; who reſigned. *P. DP. DA.* — The ſame day 100 boys were removed from Hertford and Ware to the ſaid hoſpital *DP.* —— A court was held in order to ſettle the qualifications of the children to be taken in at Eaſter, when Mr. Cheeke reſigned the treaſureſhip, and Rob. Gay, Eſq; will be unanimouſly choſen in his room. *LP.* —— *This laſt article ſeems to have been worded (to uſe my brother's phraſe) by ſome* common drudge *of a collector.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Stallwood, an eminent haberdaſher of ſmall wares, in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet, found a letter in his ſhop, with the uſual threatenings, if he did not put 10 guineas at the threſhold of his door next monday night; and that if he ſet any perſon to watch, they would certainly be ſhot. *DA. LP.*

Married yeſterday ——— Bowden, Eſq; at Conduit-ſtreet chapel to miſs Greville, a beautiful young lady, and a conſiderable fortune. *DJ.*

Laſt wedneſday Will. Frazier, *who had play'd ſeveral tricks,*
To the New-jail was committed for robbing John Hicks. *P.*

SATURDAY, *March* 22. We hear there will be no lottery this year for finiſhing Greenwich hoſpital; but that the late earl of Derwentwater's eſtate of about 6000 l. per ann. will be ſold, and the money will be applied to finiſh that noble work. *LP.*

York, Mar. 18. On tueſday at the aſſizes an action was brought, wherein Geo. Harriſon was plaintiff, and Tho. Terry defendant, upon a wager of 4 guineas to one, lay'd by the defendant, that Sir Miles Stapylton, Bart. would not be firſt elected member for the county of York; when the court was of opinion, that Sir Miles was firſt elected, and the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff. *C. DJ.* —— The court *then declared* Sir Miles *to be* legally elected.

On thurſday laſt a live worm was extracted from the leg of a patient in S. Thomas's hoſpital near a yard long. He was a ſailor lately returned from the Eaſt-Indies; 'tis believed that theſe creatures are produced from certain animalcula, with which the water of ſome part of the Indies abounds, and which is generally ſeethed by the inhabitants before uſe, to prevent the inconveniencies it otherwiſe occaſions. The man has ſeveral worms ſtill remaining in his legs. *DA.*

On wedneſday the aſſizes ended at Hereford, when Tho. Perry was capitally convicted. *DJ.*

Died on the 17th at York, Sir Walter Hawkſworth, Bart. *C. DJ.* — The title is extinct. *LE.* ——— On monday at Stains in Middleſex John Slaughter, Eſq; formerly an eminent Hamburgh-merchant. *C.* ——— Yeſterday, at Iſlington, Joſeph Benſon, Eſq; in his 73d year. *DA.*

In Brownlow-ſtreet, two rogues, on thurſday night,
At her own door a lady much did fright:
But door being op'd, ſhe bid them both good night. *C.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 24. Yeſterday their majeſties, &c. heard divine ſervice performed by the right rev. Dr. Tho. Tanner, lord biſhop of St. Aſaph. *C.* — Yeſterday the lord biſhop of St. Aſaph preached before, &c. *DA.*

We hear a noble lord has laid a very conſiderable wager, that her royal highneſs the princeſs of Orange is brought to bed before the expiration of this month. *LP.*

On wedneſday the Aſſizes ended at the Eaſt-Grinſtead in Suſſex, where two perſons received ſentence of death *C. DP. DA.*

'Tis reported, that a new Houſe of Commons will be built this ſummer in the following manner: the old houſes between the Court of Requeſt and Palace yard are to be pull'd down, and a large portico erected where they ſtand, with convenient coffee-rooms on each ſide, and a handſome flight of ſteps between, leading to the middle of the Court of Requeſt, oppoſite to which will be open'd a door into the new gallery, which is at preſent the communication between the Houſe of Lords and Commons, and will be the Lobby of the new houſe, being large enough to contain with eaſe the greateſt majority upon a diviſion, and from thence an entry into the new houſe, which will be built in the garden, where the Cotton-houſe now ſtands, either in an oval or octangular form, ſufficient to contain, without crowding, 480 members, beſides a gallery for ſtrangers; the whole to be under the direction of Richard Arundel, Eſq; and the other officers of the board of works. By this plan, all the old committee-rooms will ſerve again; and when the new houſe is finiſh'd, and fit to be us'd, the old houſe may be made a convenient receptacle for the Cotton-library, and a proper place for the Lords and Commons to meet at a conference, and a new Houſe of Lords added afterwards. *DA.*

On ſaturday an Iriſhman, who had a printed petition, with the hands of two juſtices of peace, as he pretended, for the county of Lincoln, and went about with it from houſe to houſe, pretending to be a great ſufferer by fire, and that two of his children were burnt; was detected, and ſent to Newgate. *LP.*

Died, a few days ago, at his ſeat in Devonſhire, Will. Northmore, Eſq; member in the two laſt and preſent parliaments for Oakhampton. *DA.* —— In the 4th, 5th, and 7th parliament of Great Britain, *LP.* — On ſaturday at his houſe in St. James's Tho. Maling, Eſq; *C.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 25. Yeſterday his majeſty went to the houſe of Peers, and gave the royal aſſent to ſeveral bills, *C.* &c. — We hear that his majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Tho. Herbert, Eſq; brother to the right hon. the earl of Pembroke, and member for Newport in Cornwall, to be equery to his majeſty. *C.*

Yeſterday morning the hon. Tho. King, Eſq; ſet out with his lady for Dover, in order to embark for Calais. *DA.*

The ſhips of Sir John Norris's ſquadron are fitting out in their ſeveral harbours, in order to ſail the latter end of next month. *P.*

On monday ſe'ennight the aſſizes ended at Norwich, when 4 perſons received ſentence of death. *C. P. LP.* — At the aſſizes at Bury St. Edmunds 5 perſons. *C.*

The perſon near St. Clement's church, who a few days ſince ſold his wife for 2 notes of 5 guineas each, and afterwards had her cry'd down by the common cryer, hath, at his wife's deſire, and the intreaty of the printer, (after a weeks cohabition) taken her home again, to the great ſatisfaction of all three. The purchaſer paid his firſt note of 5 guineas, with a great deal of readineſs, when he deliver'd her back, and expreſſed an uncommon joy, that he had parted with his bargain. *LP.*

On ſunday laſt, between 7 and 8 in the evening, a gentleman going along, ſaw an elderly gentleman in a conſternation and a trembling, at the corner of Change alley, and ask'd him what was the matter; he reply'd, *That villain has juſt robb'd me of a gold watch and chain*, and pointed to a genteel dreſs'd man, in a light colour'd ſuit of cloaths, a laced hat and ſword, that run up Change-alley; the gentleman and others purſu'd him up the alley; but the rogue turning on the left hand, run thro' the ſwan tavern, croſs'd the way, and ſo got away. *LP.* — Mr. Conundrum *thinks this* ſtock-robber *was a* ſtock-jobber.

On friday Phil. Thomas was executed at Aylesbury and buried on ſunday evening, he had 6 young men to carry him, and 6 young women to hold up his pall: he went to the gallows on horſeback, and in his ſhroud, and was brought back dead before a man on horſeback, without a coffin. *DJ.* ——— He died very hardened and reſolute. *DA.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Parry, a hatter, without Temple bar, was found hanged in his chamber: he had not been ſeen ſince ſaturday night. *P.* —— 'Tis ſaid, that loſs of money was the occaſion of it. *LP.* — Mr. Perry. *DP. DJ. DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 26. Yeſterday morning the right hon. the earl of Eſſex, accompanied by ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, ſet out on his return to the court of Turin. *C. DA.*

The bench of juſtices at Hicks's-hall have appointed a committee of their body to conſider of a remonſtrance to parliament, againſt the great number of play-houſes in the county of Middleſex, in order to facilitate the bill now depending in parliament for that purpoſe. *C.*

Sir Will. Irby, Bart. is choſen member of parliament for Launceſton in the county of Cornwall. *P.* —— Will. Piers and George Speke, Eſqs; are duly elected members for the city of Wells. —— There were yeſterday 368 members in the houſe of Commons, excluſive of the ſpeaker and tellers. *LP.*

We hear the rev. and ingenious Mr. Foſter, was offered (in caſe he would conform to the church of England) by the right rev. and truly deſerving prelate, the lord biſhop of Derry, to be provided for very handſomely; if he would accompany his lordſhip to Ireland; which Mr. Foſter, in the moſt reſpectful manner declined. *LP.* — *He* provides, *it is thought*, more handſomely *for himſelf, by* not conforming.

On monday night about 11, a gentleman and 2 ladies were robbed in their coach, by 3 foot-pads at the end of Dover-ſtreet in Piccadilly, who took from them about the value of 5 or 6 l. *P.*

Married laſt ſunday Capt. Butterfield, an experienced officer in the army, to Miſs Chetwynd, a young lady of a very plentiful fortune. *P.*

Died on monday in S. Giles's, Mr. Tho. Lewis, an eminent coachmaker, worth 10,000 l. *DJ.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. BAVIUS,

AS notice was given in the *Daily Poſt-Boy* of *Jan.* 20. that a *Geographical Dictionary* was preparing for the preſs, and there is no judging of the merit of ſuch a work from a bare title; it would no doubt be a ſatisfaction to many who wiſh to ſee a good work of that kind in Engliſh, if the author would publiſh his plan, or at leaſt ſomething more explicit than is contained in the advertiſement.

In the mean time we would be glad to know his reaſon for giving it the title of *An Univerſal Geographical Dictionary*. Is it as treating of the whole world, and not a part only? or as taking in the ſmalleſt villages, as well as the moſt conſiderable cities, ſtates and kingdoms? or becauſe it comprizes the geography of all nations, beſides that of the Engliſh? or laſtly, as containing all the different ſpecies of geography; aſtronomical and geometrical; natural, civil, and eccleſiaſtical; ancient, middle, and modern; general and ſpecial?

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We ſhould be farther obliged to the author, if he would let us know, whether his Dictionary be a tranſlation or an abridgment of any of thoſe abovementioned, or a new compoſition? on what footing the ſituation of places and orthography of proper names is regulated? what method is obſerved as to the connection of the parts among themſelves and with the whole? and whether the authors will be quoted, to ſupport whatever is advanced? If you think fit, Mr. BAVIUS, to give theſe few queries a place in your paper, you will oblige,

your humble ſervant,
T. G.

March 11, 1734.

Since our laſt we have received *Letters* from A. A. from H. C. one concerning the ſtreets of London; and another with ſome *Verſes* by PHILARETES.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 20.——*Paris, Mar.* 26. N. S. We are adviſed from Genoa, that the gariſon of Syracuſa had capitulated on the ſame conditions as that of Meſſina. *C. P. DP. DJ. DA.*

Paris, Mar. 25. Our alliance with Sweden is as good as concluded. *LP.* —— *After mentioning ſeveral other particulars, my brother's* particular correſpondent *adds,* Let us wait but three weeks more, and we ſhall have a clearer light into all theſe matters: *from whence one may juſtly ſuſpect, that he is a* garreteer politician.

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 21.——*Bruſſels, Mar.* 21. The moſt Chriſtian king has ordered another levy of 40,000 militia. *C.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 22. The town of Griethuyſen, half a league from Cleve, has been burnt to the ground by accident. *DP.*

Two different pacific projects have been ſpread about at Paris; but it is thought neither of them will be found acceptable. *DP.* —— The French in general are outrageous againſt the plan. *P.*

Frankfort upon the Oder, Mar. 22. The duke of Saxe-Weiſſenfels, having attacked the Polanders under count Tarlo with 1000 horſe, has been defeated; the Polanders having ſabred 300 Saxons, and made 3 captains, 8 lieutenants, &c. priſoners. *P. DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 24. They write from Paris, that the king has taken a ſurprizing turn, and ſeems at preſent to find his greateſt pleaſure in politicks: he has quitted the chace for the cabinet, and never fails of aſſiſting at all the councils.——His majeſty has remitted 3500 l. to the earl of Denbigh, towards making good the loſs ſuſtained by the burning his fine houſe at Twickenham. *DA.*

Berlin, Mar. 22. His Pruſſian majeſty had yeſterday an account, that the Poles after ſetting fire to Karga, had retired into his majeſty's dominions, viz. Count Tarlo with one column to Zeulichan, general Steinflicht, with another to Oblat, and a third diviſion to Croſſen. *C. DP. DJ. LP.*

We never heard the Italians had more days in February than we have, tho' they have double the number of hours in the day. *LP.* —— *This piece of news ſeems more* ſtrange *than* true.

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 26. 'Tis reported that French officers daily arrive in Lithuania, by way of Koningſberg; but this is hardly credible, if we conſider the almoſt deſperate condition of Staniſlaus and his party in this kingdom; who are ſo far reduced, that 'tis expected the defeat of the regimentary Pociey will ſpeedily put an end to the war. *LP.* —— The news from Koningſberg continues very agreeable to the court of Verſailles, and it is confidently reported at Paris, that king Staniſlaus's army will be numerous enough in a few days to make head with ſucceſs againſt the Ruſſians and Saxons. *DP.* —— The greateſt part of the crown army have abandoned the cowardly Kiowski, who has made his ſubmiſſion to his enemies. *P.*

They write from Naples of the 8th. that Trepani has ſurrender'd on the ſame terms as Meſſina; ſo that all Sicily is now in the hands of Don Carlos. *DP.*

The Corſicans have actually thrown off their allegiance to the ſtate of Genoa, and form'd themſelves into a republick, agreeable to what we formerly mention'd. Their government is to conſiſt of two primates, a junto of ſix, and a ſenate of twelve perſons. Giaffери and Ciacaldi, the two famous leaders in the laſt rebellion, are appointed primates for life, with the titles of royal highneſs: the junto is to be nam'd by the diet, and the diet to be compos'd of deputies choſen by the cities and great towns. *DA.*

Vienna, Mar. 19. It was reported here that the emperor had accepted the pacifick plan, but that is not certain. —— Our news from Paris ſavours nothing of peace. *DP.*

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